

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 483

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness  
and Prevention Week.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2005

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD submitted the following resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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# RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Dating  
Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.

Whereas 1 in 3 female high school students reports being  
physically abused or sexually abused by a dating partner;

Whereas over 40 percent of male and female high school stu-  
dents surveyed had been victims of dating violence at  
least once;

Whereas violent relationships in adolescence can have serious  
ramifications for victims, who are at higher risk for sub-  
stance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, sui-  
cide, and adult re-victimization;

Whereas the severity of violence among intimate partners has  
been shown to increase if the pattern was established in  
adolescence;

Whereas 81 percent of parents surveyed either believed dating violence is not a problem or admitted they did not know it is a problem;

Whereas the week of February 6, 2006, has been recognized as an appropriate week for activities furthering awareness of teen dating violence; and

Whereas recognizing a “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week” would benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or gender: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives should
- 2 raise awareness of teen dating violence in the Nation by
- 3 supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Dating
- 4 Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.

